

**Annual Report of the Health Nurse
July 1, 2013 thru June 30, 2013**

Cathy Vichill, Health Nurse

The Health Nurse is available to schedule appointments on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday in the health office located at 68 Elm St., Suite 547 – the new Senior Center/Transportation building.

The Health Nurse duties include but are not limited to:

- Communicable Disease control, investigation and reporting to the state Department of Public Health via Maven Surveillance. Maven is Virtual Gateway Surveillance that notifies the nurse of cases requiring investigation. Maven is checked daily. The nurse responds to the state Department of Public Health for immediate communicable disease/outbreak 24/7.
- Organizing seasonal influenza clinics and administration of influenza vaccine.
- Maintains current MD orders, allocation and enrollment for vaccine per state immunization regulation
- Performs home health visits and wellness checks
- Diabetic Glucose testing, Diabetic teaching and assistance with obtaining supplies.
- Collaborates with emergency first responders and long-term health care facilities to ensure current immunizations of healthcare workers in the event of outbreak
- Reports neglect/abuse, assists in referrals for care/placement
- Office Visits – assisting residents with health concerns and personnel needs. Makes MD referrals and appointments as needed. Assists with medication reconciliation.
- Submits screening for fluoride applicants.
- Homebound visits when necessary.
- Weekly blood-pressure / blood sugar clinics.
- Provides TB / PPD testing during suspected contact
- Collaborates with state epidemiologists / DPH
- Maintains annual certification in disease prevention response and service and immunization

Communicable Diseases Reported and Investigated:

- 1 case of Babesiosis
- 7 cases of Campylobacteriosis
- 1 case of Cryptosporidiosis
- 1 case of Eastern Equine infection
- 2 cases of Giardia
- 1 case of Chronic Hepatitis B
- 4 cases of Hepatitis C Acute
- 16 cases of Hepatitis C Chronic
- 13 cases of Human Granulocytic Anaplasmosis
- 20 cases of Influenza
- 1 case Invasive Bacterial Infection
- 37 cases of Lyme
- 2 cases of Pertussis
- 3 cases of Salmonellosis
- 2 cases of Streptococcus Pneumoniae
- 1 case of Varicella
- 3 cases investigated, 1 active revoked, 1 suspect Tuberculosis
- 3 contacts investigated Latent TB
- 4 LTCF outbreak investigations

Other:

- 150 influenza vaccines administered
- 8 PPD TB Tests
- 2 Flu clinics
- 37 Blood pressure clinics
- 1,080 Blood pressures checked
- 55 Glucometer blood sugar checked
- 5 Glucometers dispensed
- 296 Office visits
- 37 Home visits

I am happy to report the Nurse's office is thriving. The new location of the Nurse office within the Transportation Center provides easy access for senior citizens and has greatly increased the number of office visits.

Thank you to AFD and Jack Morris for supporting nursing in the collaboration efforts providing care to the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Vichill